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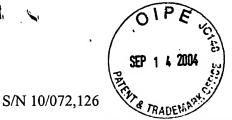
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## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 15-22 and 26 in the subject application by the Examiner with appreciation. The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record. The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claims scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

The Applicant further points out that the reasons for allowance set forth by the Examiner are not the only reasons that claims 15-22 and 26 are allowable. Further reasons for allowance of the claims beyond those enumerated by the Examiner are described and set forth in the Applicant's specification. As the Examiner's reasons for allowance are not exhaustive, such reasons for allowance do not establish an estoppel against Applicant seeking and obtaining

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allowance of additional, broader claims in a continuation application, which Applicant reserves the right to file.

Respectfully submitted,

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